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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH INITIATIVE ON IP-BASED RELAY TECHNOLOGIES GN Docket No. 14-19

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Institute on Aging (NIA) will host a workshop the morning of Tuesday, February 18, 2014. The purpose of the workshop will be to gather and incorporate stakeholder input on the types of research that are needed to improve the functional equivalency and efficiency of telecommunications relay service (TRS).¹

This first workshop will focus on developing a platform for the delivery of IP-based relay services and the development of new and improved relay services during and after the IP transition. Panels will include discussions with academics and researchers with demonstrated relevant expertise. An audience question and answer session will follow. Additional details will be released closer to the event date.

The workshop will be free and open to the public. It will be held in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305) at FCC Headquarters, located at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The event will be shown live at www.fcc.gov/live.

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¹ The FCC entered into an agreement with the National Institute on Aging to collaborate on research into the effectiveness, efficiency, and consumer response to current and anticipated IP- based relay technologies such as automated speech-to text and video plus automated speech to text. *See* Press Release, FCC, FCC and National Institute on Aging to Partner on Research Advancing Accessibility to Communications for Americans with Hearing Disabilities (rel. Dec. 12, 2013), available at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs-public/attachmatch/DOC-324668A1.doc.